

# Faith and Home

Building Community Through  
Affordable Housing



## Community Survey



***Faith & Home*** is a community-centered initiative working to expand affordable rental housing in Allentown and the greater Lehigh Valley through partnering with local congregations to reuse underutilized church land and buildings.

In response to the rising cost of living and growing housing insecurity alongside declining church membership, the project will bring together faith communities, advocates for housing, and local residents to explore how we can best utilize these properties to continue serving the common good.



Led by the **Lehigh Conference of Churches** and Lehigh University's **Small Cities Lab**, We aim to launch our pilot project that will create 6-12 mixed income housing units while preserving community space. We aim to address urgent housing needs while building a replicable model of faith based housing across Pennsylvania, grounded in long-term stewardship.

## We want to hear from *you*.



# Survey Options

## Phone (voice survey)

Dial the listed number for the full survey. Or, skip to a specific question at the prompt.

**(610)-936-6186**

## Google Form

Scan the QR code to complete the survey.



# Community Survey Questions

Enter:



- 1** How would you describe your church's mission or purpose, in your own words?
- 2** In what ways does your church shape or influence the surrounding neighborhood or community?
- 3** What role do clergy and lay leaders play in guiding the church's direction, and how well does that align with local needs?
- 4** How has your congregation's membership and participation changed over time, and what factors have influenced those changes?
- 5** How have patterns of financial giving evolved, and what shapes how people choose to give?
- 6** How do differences in age, race, income or beliefs show up in your congregation, and how do they affect people's sense of belonging?
- 7** What does it mean for your church to feel like "home," and has that meaning shifted over time?
- 8** How do changes in leadership, worship style, demographics, or the building itself affect people's connection to the church?
- 9** How do church life, family life, and the surrounding neighborhood intersect or reinforce one another?
- 10** How do church spaces and rituals shape relationships, routines, and spiritual life?
- 11** How do people in your congregation understand their role in connection to local housing needs and community care?
- 12** Looking ahead, what hopes do you have for your church's future role in the community?

